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body. And the other thing that I was looking through, spoke with the Clerk about this as well as far as if we would go ahead and move the bills to Select File, we would get through the agenda, would we be eligible or able to debate other bills that might not have been on the agenda? And it's our understanding through our discussion and through the rules, that the Speaker could realistically just alert us, as members, which bills we would be taking up in the event we got through the agenda, or modify the agenda without any notices or anything else. The real notice only goes to us as members, and if we knew that, then we could go forward with the agenda. So I was trying to share that with the body because I think there's probably some questions out there about what it is that's being asked of us. And I think that it's clear or it's important for us to be clear that certain provisions that's in the package, or that are in the package, are not actually in the committee amendments. They would be additional amendments similar to what Senator Chambers is offering here in his amendment. comments are going to be to the Appropriations Committee, and I will echo what Senator Bourne and others have said here on the floor, and that is as someone who has undertaken the process of writing a budget and learning the process, watching discussions, reading the reports that are being submitted, their job is enormous. And the simple fact that they came up with a proposal that the majority of the committee advanced to us for discussion, I think is commendable. Yes, as Senator Thompson said, members from all over the state are represented as far as their caucus, from the 3rd, 1st and 2nd Districts, on the Appropriations Committee. And for those diverse opinions to come together and present us a package as they have the last four years since I've been here, is to be commended. They have done their homework. They have worked extremely hard. Does that mean that I'm in agreement with what they're doing? that does not. And I have heard some discussions this morning, behind the scenes, about some people who say, well, I don't like what they're saying or I don't like that person's opinion, or there are good reasons why we have...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...certain laws in place to ensure that those